



The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

May 21, 2015

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Capitol Board Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Dwight Rasmussen

Jane Quist for Jake Murakami

Anne O'Brien

Judy Wantanabe for Kris Hamlet

Evelyn Salazar

Christie Fox for David Buhler

Joel Moriyama

Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox

Chris Bray

Ron Humphries

Julie Fisher

Alan Griffin

Dave Clark

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard

Mandee Curtis

Katie Barlow

Karrie Beardall

Erin Jemison

Rochelle Runge

Guests

Alexis Bucknam

Laura Rothlisberger for Jake Murakami

WELCOME

Motion to approve March board meeting minutes by Joel Moriyama. Seconded by Dwight Rasmussen. Motion carried by all.

Lani Nisbet, UServeUtah's community engagement manager, has left to work for another state agency. An interview committee of staff and at-large community members are conducting interviews to hire a replacement. The office will be fully staffed once that position is filled. Erin Jemison was introduced as the new national service program manager for UServeUtah. She has been in her position for about six weeks.

AmeriCorps Program

Utah Campus Compact executive director Alexis Bucknam presented information on their AmeriCorps program running throughout the state. Utah Campus Compact is a statewide coalition of colleges and universities dedicated to engaging students in their communities. The program is part of a national organization called Campus Compact which is focused on supporting higher education's engagement with community and public purpose of higher education in developing citizens and how the resources of higher education can be utilized to meet the communities' most pressing social problems. This is an education award only program, meaning members do not receive the living stipend. The Utah Campus Compact Program utilizes students at nine colleges and universities in the state to provide support to hundreds of community organizations through direct service and volunteer recruitment, thereby increasing capacity for organizations to continue providing much-needed services in the areas of education, healthy futures, and economic opportunity.

Service Exercise

One of the roles of commissioners is to champion the role of service. Commissioners had a discussion about why service and volunteerism are important to themselves as well as the larger community. Commissioners turned in their worksheets. These responses will be used for another activity in an upcoming meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Disaster Service

Karrie Beardall, Disaster Services Coordinator for UServeUtah, reported on activities and events during the past few months. UServeUtah is the lead for the Volunteer and Donations Coordination Team (VDCT), which is a table located in the State EOC to work alongside other emergency support functions with the state. The Disaster Services committee has been working to update standard operating procedures, which are instructions for members of VDCT on how to operate that table, so that anyone who steps into the role during a disaster knows their responsibilities. The State Annex D, which is part of the State Emergency Plan, has been recently updated and will be presented to legislature in the fall of this year. UServeUtah has been involved in the search for a new software to replace Aid Matrix, a program the state was using to match donations with needs in the community. Spontaneous volunteer Management Training will be held in Richfield on March 28. This FEMA-based training is aimed at helping municipalities effectively manage the influx of unaffiliated volunteers after a community disaster. It also helps municipalities know how to meet match requirements so they can utilize FEMA resources after a disaster.

National Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) released a new annual report ranking the top 10 cities and states for recruiting national service members (per capita). Utah ranked #8 nationally. Provo ranked #4 in the top 10 for the mid-sized cities. This demonstrates a strong commitment from Utahns for serving as AmeriCorps members.

Erin Jemison spoke to 140 high school students about participating in National Service. The upcoming program directors training will be focused on financial best practices and will engage those who work with reimbursements, which, in some organizations, is a different individual from the program director.

This year, UServeUtah recommended five programs for consideration in the National funding competition from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Two programs in continuation, Utah Conservation Corps and Read.Graduate.Succeed were approved for their second year funding. Utah Conservation Corps will be receiving a little over \$500,000 and Read.Graduate.Succeed was approved for \$1.3 million in funding. Salt Lake County Most Vulnerable Population received a little under \$300,000 from a new competitive grant called Operation AmeriCorps and is one of 10 cities nationwide to receive this funding. Playworks was recommended for competitive funding and is currently on a waitlist for possible federal funding. If they don't receive funding, they will apply for State Formula funding. Utah Healthcare Corps was recommended but did not receive funding.

UServeUtah is in the midst of reviewing applications for State Formula funding and will allocate approximately \$1.4 million to local AmeriCorps programs. Staff conducted four outreach meetings throughout the state to encourage new applications for Formula Funding. Approximately 50 individuals attended the outreach meetings and 16 organizations submitted an intent to apply for full funding or planning grants. A review committee will meet June 12 to determine state Formula funding allocations. Notification will be made to funded programs by June 15. Because this review committee meets between board meetings, a motion was made to allow a selection committee of board members, UServeUtah Staff, and community members at large to make decisions and recommendations to the Corporation for National and Community Service about state-allocated Formula funding. Results of that committee recommendation will be presented at the July board meeting where commissioners will ratify the decision.

*Motion to give selection committee to approve funding on behalf of the full board made by Dwight Rasmussen.
Seconded by Anne O'Brien. Vote carried unanimously.*

This year, UServeUtah hosted the annual Pacific Region National Service Conference in Salt Lake City. This conference provides training for national service programs in 11 states in the Pacific region. A little over 400 attendees participated in the conference. Surveys from attendees indicated strong feelings of satisfaction about the conference. This conference garnered an unprecedented amount of representation from CNCS leadership, including Wendy Spencer, the CEO of CNCS, Bill Basl, Director of AmeriCorps, and Dr. Erwin Tan, Director of Senior Corps.

The third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service was held on April 7. While recognition events happened throughout the state, Salt Lake City hosted an event at Real Food Rising, engaging representation from both the County and City Mayor's office. A service project was also held at Real Food Rising, an urban community farm that grows and donates organic food to local organizations. Approximately 58 mayors engaged in Mayor's Day this year.

Community Engagement

This year, UServeUtah will be hosting Summer of Service, a statewide initiative to encourage youth ages 5-25 to engage in service during the summer. Youth who track volunteers hours online between June 1 and August 31 and submit photos and stories will qualify for prizes. Commissioners were given passalong cards and encouraged to distribute cards and promote Summer of Service. Staff are in the process of outreach for the program.

UServeUtah has been researching an online platform to promote statewide to match volunteers with organizations in need of volunteers. The committee has narrowed the search down to OrgSync, Get Connected, Give Gab, and JustServe.org. JustServe.org is an online platform developed by the LDS Church and will be rolled out in Utah later this year. UServeUtah is working closely with JustServe.org on customizing the software to meet the needs of the state.

Utah Philanthropy Day nominations are closing May 29. During the last commission meeting, a discussion was held around recommending two of the Philanthropy Day awards to be branded as the Governor's award. Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox presented two options to the Governor's office, which made a decision to adopt the career humanitarian award as the Governor's award and will be called the Governor's Career Humanitarian Award.

An adapted Volunteer Management Training was held in conjunction with the Pacific Region Conference on Service in March. Approximately 50 individuals attended this training.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2014. Dwight Rasmussen shared highlights from the newly-published 2014 annual report. A notable accomplishment of the commission was the development and implementation of a new three-year strategic plan.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Dwight Rasmussen. Seconded by Alan Griffin. Vote carried unanimously.

NO ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP ITEMS